

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as set forth in the complete Listing of Claims as follows:

1 - 37. (cancelled)

38. (previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO. 3.

39 - 49. (cancelled)

50. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the isolated nucleic acid of [any one of claims 37,] claim 38[, 39, 48 or 49].

51. (currently amended) A recombinant expression vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid of [any one of claims 37,] claim 38[, 39, 48 or 49].

52. (previously presented) A host cell transformed with the recombinant vector of claim 51.

53 - 55. (cancelled)

56. (previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide which comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO.: 4.